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SPOOKTACULAR ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER AT GLENDALÉ'S LIBRARIES AND RECREATION CENTERS

Glendale, Ariz. — Get ready for a month of engaging and special activities with a Halloween or Dia de los Muertos theme. Glendale's Parks and Recreation and Library divisions will offer the following programs:

Science and Technology of Ghost Hunting

1 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Join Lindsay Brown and Shawn Bechtel of Ghosts of Arizona Paranormal Society to learn about the science and technology used when conducting paranormal investigations. These experienced investigators will offer a 'show and tell' of the equipment they use, explain how it works, as well as share some of their evidence. Some time will be spent discussing some of the ways they have debunked paranormal claims tied to reported hauntings, as well. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

Create, Connect, Collaborate!

This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, with several activities that include:

Passport to Culture!

4 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Come celebrate various cultures of the world through books, crafts and activities. Children ages 8-11 are invited to join us for this "world-class" program. This month: Viva Mexico! Dia de los Muertos is a family-focused Mexican holiday, celebrated around the world. This workshop will include the history and symbolism behind this beautiful cultural tradition and making a mixed media nicho box inspired by the arts, altars, and remembering of loved ones during the celebration. Artist Christy Puetz leads kids in creating their own nicho, a simple box that can be embellished with a variety of materials and include a small calavera or skeleton figures. Choose a theme of love, family, animals, friends, celebration or another creative theme. Registration begins two weeks before the program date. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3537 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Creative Creatures

4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Join artist Shari Keith, The Junk Lady, to make a truly creative creature using all sorts of colorful found and discarded items. Let your imagination and creativity go wild and see what kind of creature ends up following you home! For ages 8-11. Registration begins Oct. 6. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3837 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Painted Skulls

6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Explore how disease and science have been depicted throughout history in art and the tradition of making Dia de los Muertos painted/sugar skulls. Paint and embellish a paper mache skull of your own. Use a traditional style or make your own design. Registration begins Oct. 5. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3573 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Mask Making for Teens!

6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Create a new identity! We'll supply all of the materials necessary to design your own one-of-a-kind mask to wear or hang on the wall. Ages 12-18. Registration begins Oct. 6. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3437 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

October Activities

Add 1.1.1

Zombie LARP, Part IV: Contain the Virus!

6 to 8:45 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

It's happening AGAIN. A zombie outbreak in the library after-hours, and only teens, 12-18, have the power to stop it...or to succumb! Registration begins Oct. 10. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3537 or visit

www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Not Beary Scary

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Join us for an hour of pre-school fun! Wear your costume! Play fun games! Make weird stuff! Just don't be scared! For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Ofrenda Boxes

2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

In Mexico, it is traditional to honor deceased relatives at the beginning of each November. On each Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, altars known as ofrendas are decorated with paints, ribbons, fabrics, and special mementos. We will supply the boxes and adornments, you supply the personal mementos, and artist Christy Puetz will help you to put your creative energies to work! Ages 16 and older. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3431 or visit

www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Halloween Cupcakes

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Learn to make cupcakes and discover the exciting and unusual ways to decorate them using fondant. Combine art and pastry recipes to impress your family and friends with these beautiful, delicious cupcakes. Cupcakes will be taken home. \$20 supply fee collected at class. Spanish translation available upon request. The class is \$29 (non-resident \$35), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Dancing Skeletons – Acrylic Painting Workshop

1 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 14 & 15,

at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

1 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday & Friday, Oct. 16 & 17, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos, "Day of the Dead," by painting a colorful skull or dancing skeleton on your blue jeans, tee shirt or that special piece for your home or altar. Create bold and energetic works of art with vibrant colors and patterns. Bring your items to paint, along with paper, pencil, acrylic paints and brushes if you have them. Contact instructor prior to class with any questions at 602-617-5200. The class is \$25 (non-resident \$30), and preregistration is required by calling 623-930-4600 or visiting

www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Getting Crafty with Miss Janet

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Create a cool Halloween craft with Miss Janet to keep or give as a gift! Crafters younger than 6 years old will need an adult helper. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Foothills Neighborhood Halloween Event

6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Children, ages 10 and younger, can load up on candy at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center and enjoy an evening of activities, including carnival games, photo opportunities, temporary tattoos, train rides (additional cost), a costume parade, and arts and crafts. Absolute Rhythm Dance Company will be on site with a "Thriller" dance performance. Admission can be purchased the night of the event for \$4 (\$5 non-residents). Supervision is required: Parents are FREE. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Brelby Theatre Presents: Things That Go Bump in the Night!

7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Glendale's own Brelby Theatre will (trick or) treat you to an evening of skits celebrating the spookiest of seasons. Appropriate for both teens and adults. For more information, call 623-930-3431.

Fall Fest @ the Teague!

6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Kids, 11 years of age and under, and their families are invited to drop by the Velma Teague Library between 6 and 7:30 p.m. to enjoy a craft, fun carnival style games, and prizes! For more information, call 623-930-3437.

October Activities
Add 2.2.2

Not So Scary Halloween Luncheon

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Join your fellow ghosts and goblins for this Glendale Adult Center annual favorite. Enjoy a morning of fun, food and entertainment by “Scary Mary.” Lunch will include fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, string beans, dinner roll and cake. Also featured will be a costume contest. \$6 fee for members, \$8 non-members. Get your tickets in advance for this sellout event. Tickets must be purchased at GAC front desk between Sept. 24 and Oct. 29. Prizes are sponsored by CAREMORE. For more information, call 623-930-4321.

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